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*With Multi-Family Recycling*

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Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums in Montgomery County, Maryland

## Calendar of Events

**July 20, 2008**

Electronics Recycling Collection  
Satellite Event

Comus Park and Ride Lot, MD Rte 355  
(Frederick Road), north of intersection  
with Comus Road  
Clarksburg, MD 20871

**Noon – 4pm**

**If it's nearby, please let your  
residents know!**

**August 5, 2008**

National Night Out

**Schedule an event at your property  
and invite us!**

**August 8-16, 2008**

60th Annual Montgomery County  
Agricultural Fair

Montgomery County Fairgrounds  
16 Chestnut Street  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

**10am – 8pm**

**Please join us!**

**September 21, 2008**

Electronics Recycling Collection  
Satellite Event

Damascus Park and Ride Lot, southeast  
corner of MD Rte 108 and MD Rte 124  
Damascus, MD 20872

**Noon – 4pm**

**If it's nearby, please let your  
residents know!**



**The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services** held its annual Recycling Awards Recognition Ceremony at the Bethesda North Marriot Hotel and Conference Center on May 22, 2008. The ceremony recognized Montgomery County multi-family properties, individuals, and management companies; businesses; and recycling program volunteers for their outstanding contributions to the success of Montgomery County's recycling programs. Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett attended the ceremony; he applauded the leadership efforts of the award winners and stressed the feasibility and importance of continuing our efforts to reach the County's goal of recycling 50 percent of the waste generated in the County.

Multi-family property awards were presented to twenty multi-family properties, property management companies, and individuals that contributed to excellent recycling programs or made significant improvements to recycling programs. Many of these properties recycled more than 50 percent of their waste in 2007, with one property recycling as much as 73 percent of its waste. Awardees demonstrated commitment to maintaining and improving property recycling programs and used creativity to ensure their programs were convenient and effective. The award winners worked diligently and enthusiastically with the TRRAC (Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums) team to increase resident recycling awareness and participation at their apartment or condominium properties. Read the descriptions of the award-winning accomplishments on the following pages to generate new ideas for your property!

If you would like to develop an award-winning recycling program at your property, contact the TRRAC team! Call us at 240-777-6400, visit our Web site at [montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling), or send an e-mail to [recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Congratulations to the award winners for a job well done! The TRRAC team appreciates your contribution to the recycling success of Montgomery County.

# Multi-Family Property Recycling Awards

## Excellence in Recycling

Awarded to multi-family properties, property management companies, and resident recycling committees that established and/or contributed to excellent recycling programs

Presenting the awards were personnel from Montgomery County's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) and its Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS). Pictured with the awardees in the photographs below are, from left to right: Mr. Arthur Holmes, Jr., Director, DPWT; Mr. Al Roshdieh, Deputy Director, DPWT; Mr. Dan Locke, Chief, DSWS; Ms. Eileen Kao, Chief, DSWS' Recycling Section; and Mr. Alan Pultyniewicz, DSWS' Recycling Coordinator.



Ms. Betty Tracey

### Aldon Management Corporation

Aldon maintains quality recycling programs at its multi-family properties. Under the direction of Ms. Betty Tracey, Regional Manager, Aldon properties in

Montgomery County have recycling rates over twenty percent. Aldon was one of the first to add mixed paper recycling dumpsters at collection areas, and they recently added scrap metal recycling containers at outside collection points for the convenience of their residents.



Ms. Sandi Turner

### The Bennington at Silver Spring

Despite a number of management transitions, the Bennington has kept recycling a priority, as its 2007 recycling rate of 51.6 percent

shows. Their maintenance supervisor recently took the initiative to add scrap metal recycling containers in each solid waste collection room, and the management team maintains an up-to-date move-in packet and requests additional educational materials regularly. The Bennington is a perfect example of how a positive corporate recycling culture can have a lasting affect.



Cambridge Square Apartments

### Cambridge Square Apartments

Ms. Maureen McKenzie, Resident Manager, maintains a top notch recycling program with recycling containers located in each of the buildings at this garden-style property. Additionally, Cambridge

Square willingly participated in three recent studies, conducted by the Division of Solid Waste Services, to identify new opportunities to improve multi-family property recycling programs.



Mr. Leon Quartey-Asraham and Ms. Alma Mass

### Charter House

During a time of management transition, Building Engineer Mr. Mark Smith worked to provide residents with a convenient recycling program. He

demonstrated initiative and creativity, including using stacking containers for recyclable materials in very small trash rooms. These containers along with resident education resulted in the residents recycling 51.6 percent of their waste in 2007.



Mr. Matthew Parreco and Mr. George Baabu

### Churchill Senior Living

The staff at Churchill, located in Germantown, has done an excellent job streamlining their recycling program, and the residents have responded by

recycling 73.1 percent of their waste in 2007. The staff has a proactive attitude and continues to look for ways to improve their recycling program.



Mr. Richard Springer, Jr.

### Kenwood Condominium

The Kenwood is a perfect example of how the components of a successful recycling program integrate to produce success. With the General Manager's attitude and knowledge, resident assistance and participation, and staff monitoring, this program is achieving results. In 2007, staff and residents recycled 60.6 percent of their waste.



Mr. Brad Kline

### Leisure World of Maryland

Leisure World is home for over eighty-five hundred residents, and these residents and the supporting staff recycled 51.1 percent of their waste in 2007. Across the high-rise and garden-style apartments and

single family homes, staff monitors the program and adjusts to meet the residents' recycling needs. Resident education is ongoing, including articles in property-wide newsletters and community-specific bulletins as well as presentations.



Mr. Sarouen Chea

### The Middlebrooke

The residents and staff of The Middlebrooke recycled 48.1 percent of their waste stream in 2007. Mr. Sarouen Chea, Property Manager, works hard to improve the recycling program.

He distributes educational materials to the residents and answers their recycling questions. Mr. Chea monitors the property regularly, and passes his good attitude regarding recycling on to his staff.



Ms. Bonnie Henderson

### Spring Lake Condominium

Early in 2007, Spring Lake Condominium added recycling containers to the solid waste rooms in the basements of the garden-style buildings. Previously, the property had only one central recycling

collection area for all 231 units. In turn, the recycling rate increased from 23.9 percent in 2006 to 44.7 percent in 2007.



Ms. Schlundra Moore

### Willow Manor at Fair Hill Farm

Willow Manor at Fair Hill Farm has an excellent recycling program for its residents, who in turn recycled 62.3 percent of their solid waste in 2007. The property

management continuously looks for ways to improve the recycling program for its residents.



## Outstanding Improvement in Recycling

Awarded to multi-family properties that made significant improvements to their recycling programs



Mr. Ignacio Hernandez and Ms. Barbara Eppolito

information in move-in packets, and provide recycling training sessions in conjunction with County staff. The residents have responded with positive recycling practices.



Ms. Heather Merriman and Ms. Jennifer Letmate

waste collection area previously served more than 250 units, the team consulted with County staff and added four additional recycling collection areas. This project demonstrated that recycling was a priority of the management team and raised residents' awareness.



Dalamar Apartments

program continues to improve through constant evaluation of the recyclable materials generated and makes appropriate adjustments to accommodate the flow of materials generated.



Ms. Karina Ayala

started off their program with a cardboard collection dumpster. The property monitors the collection areas and keeps the containers clean and well labeled.



Inwood House

materials should be placed in the containers. The management team holds educational events for the residents, sets up lobby displays, and puts recycling notices in their newsletters. The attention to detail and investment of time shows how the property is committed to providing the best recycling program for the residents. The residents responded by recycling 36.9 percent of their waste in 2007.

### Bauer Park Apartments

Ms. Barbara Eppolito, Property Manager, and Ignacio Hernandez are working hard to improve resident recycling awareness. They distribute educational materials to every resident on a regular basis, include recycling

### Breckenridge at Montgomery Village

After a condominium conversion, a new management team proactively overhauled the recycling program at Breckenridge. Where one solid

### Dalamar Apartments

Dalamar Apartments enhanced their recycling program by replacing wheeled carts with two-cubic yard dumpsters for mixed paper recycling collection. The staff monitors all containers and takes steps to correct problems. This

### Gaitherhouse Apartments

Gaitherhouse initiated their recycling program in 2006. In addition to collection containers for mixed paper and commingled materials, they

### Inwood House

Inwood House is working hard to improve its recycling program, and it shows! Property-specific posters are creatively placed on their recycling containers, reminding residents what

## Outstanding Individual Achievement in Recycling

Awarded to individuals at multi-family properties for their outstanding efforts to improve recycling programs and/or increase resident recycling awareness and participation



Mr. Jose Carcamo

in turn recycled 34.1 percent of their waste in 2007. His pride in his recycling program is evident as you walk through the building. His solid waste collection rooms are spotless and contain clean and legible labels and signs. Mr. Carcamo implemented a monetary fine for residents who violate the recycling rules.



Ms. Alma Mass

all new residents receive education about the recycling program, and she hosts recycling awareness sessions for residents on a regular basis.



Mr. Terry Osborne

making sure every unit has recycling bins to assist residents in their recycling initiatives. Despite the transience of the resident community, the property's recycling rate was 29.6 percent in 2007.



Ms. Esther Salness

recycling information in property newsletters, she looks for ways to improve recycling participation at the property. Garden-style properties frequently do not have spaces amenable to gathering residents for presentations, but Ms. Salness creatively used an empty apartment to host a recycling information session for residents.



311 Domer Avenue

quantity of recyclable material collection containers and decreased the size of the solid waste collection container. When faced with a neighbor's concern regarding the property's collection site, he responded quickly, by building an enclosure and increasing the monitoring and cleaning of the site.

### Jose Carcamo

Mr. Jose Carcamo, Building Manager at Thayer Towers Condominium, maintains his property's recycling program by close monitoring and adapting to the needs of the residents, who

### Alma Mass

Ms. Alma Mass, Community Director at The Oaks at Olde Towne, consistently educates the property's residents, who in turn recycled 37.7 percent of their waste in 2007. She makes sure

### Terry Osborne

Mr. Terry Osborne, Senior Maintenance Manager at Oakwood Gaithersburg, is an excellent recycling resource for his short-term lease property. He is vigilant about keeping

### Esther Salness

Ms. Esther Salness, Community Manager at Mill Creek Gardens Apartments, has made recycling a priority. From building new solid waste collection area enclosures to including

### Deric Tomenko

Mr. Deric Tomenko, owner of 311 Domer Avenue in Silver Spring, has exemplified responsible ownership. After participating in a study that monitored waste generation at his property, he increased the

# Recycling Checklist

**Multi-Family properties **MUST** recycle the following materials:**



## Mixed Paper



White and colored paper



Corrugated cardboard and boxboard



Newspapers and inserts



Magazines and catalogs



Telephone directories, paperback books



Unwanted mail/shredded paper



All other clean, dry paper



## COMMINGLED CONTAINERS



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum cans and foil products



Bi-metal food and beverage cans



Plastic narrow-neck bottles (The opening of the container must be narrower than the body of the container.)



## SCRAP METAL



Metal or predominantly metal items, including large household appliances, bikes, grills, iron furniture, and aluminum lawn chairs



## YARD TRIM



Grass, leaves, garden trimmings and brush



## CHRISTMAS TREES



An evergreen tree that is decorated with lights and ornaments at Christmas. (Remove all ornaments prior to recycling.)




## Multi-family properties are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Toner cartridges
- Computers
- Batteries
- Textiles
- Electronic Items



Refer to your Property Manager's Guide to Recycling to learn more about recycling materials. If you do not have a copy of this important reference book, please call **240-777-6400** to request a copy.

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This information is available in an alternate format by calling Lauren Kuhn at (240) 777-6400.

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